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our nursing organizations there is now, happily, a way of reaching individual nurses, and we presume that Miss Goodrich, the president of the American Federation of Nurses, would gladly consent to act as honorary chairman of a committee formed to enable American nurses to co-operate with those in England who are striving to find the best way of perpetuating a great name and life. Every living nurse is Florence Nightingale's debtor, and should eagerly grasp the means of acknowledging that debt in a way which opens up larger opportunities for future nurses.

M. A. NUTTING.

THE INTERSTATE SECRETARY IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR EDITOR: The nurses of New Jersey have enjoyed the privilege of hearing Miss Isabel McIsaac at a mass meeting held in Newark, January 21, and we wish to join with the other states that have enjoyed the same privilege in expressing our appreciation of our interstate secretary, who spoke to us in such an interesting and instructive manner on subjects of so great importance to the New Jersey nurses.

Miss McIsaac spoke to the pupil nurses at an evening meeting and impressed all with the importance of duties devolving upon each "to keep our profession upon a high plane of efficiency and to help one another."

ELIZABETH HIGBID,

Secretary New Jersey State Nurses' Association.

THE INTERSTATE SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON

DEAR EDITOR: If every superintendent of nurses realized the importance of the pupil nurse becoming familiar with organization work while in school,—by every class having its organization according to its needs, so that when they finished they would become a member of their *alumnæ* without a question, and be ready for the county, state, and national associations and able to take their place in each with ability, and when they are taken step by step through school interested in organization work,—state registration would mean something to them, but until the superintendent does her duty for the pupil nurse in this line, we will need the interstate secretary at least once a year. I am sure more good will come from a yearly visit than could possibly come with less frequent visits. It would be hard to tell how much benefit we derived from this first visit, for every few days we hear from some one who was stimulated by Miss McIsaac's talk and made to realize her responsibility more than she had. She did so much for us all, put us straight where it was needed, and made many things clear which were not before, and we realize more how much of a part each individual nurse takes in making up the whole. We also feel no one else could have done it quite so well as Miss McIsaac.

The question of how to reach the isolated section was brought to us while Miss McIsaac was here by a small association that needed her help so much, but could not stand the expense. I have thought much about it since and it would seem that it might be to the advantage of all concerned for the interstate secretary to have money for her expenses before starting out, and at the end of a visit in a state let the state association pay all, and each county association pay into the state association treasury according to its membership or means or what the state officers would decide was its share.

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